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TAGS: ETRN, IR

SUBJECT: IRAN AIR REQUEST FOR CHARTERS

REF: TEHRAN 3710

1. IRAN AIR HAS APPLIED TO CAB FOR FOURTEEN ROUNDTRIP CHARTERS, EIGHT STUDENT FLIGHTS ORIGINATING IN US AND SIX IRAN- ORIGIN AFFINITY GROUPS. CAB HAS APPROVED SIX STUDENT FLIGHTS, WITH FIRST SCHEDULED TO LEAVE US JUNE 7. CAB ACTION ON TWO STUDENT FLIGHTS, PLUS ALL IRAN- ORIGIN FLIGHTS ( FIRST OF WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 9), STILL PENDING. CAB HAS NOT RPT NOT DISAPPROVED ANY IRAN AIR CHARTERS AS OF THIS WRITING.

2. DESPITE VARIOUS EXPLANATIONS AND URGINGS BY US, INCLUDING THOSE OF EMBASSY, IRAN AIR APPLICATION TO CAB FOR FOREIGN AIR CARRIER PERMIT NOT PREPARED UNTIL APRIL 9. ORIGINAL OF APPLICATION, WHICH CAB REGULATIONS REQUIRE BE SUBMITTED " VIA DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS", WAS DELIVERED TO IRAN EMBASSY BY IRAN AIR ATTORNEY WITH EXPLANATION THAT IT  
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SHOULD BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT ( FOR TRANSMITTAL TO CAB) UNDER

COVER BRIEF NOTE. MANY FOLLOW-UPS BY IRAN AIR ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FAILED TO DISLODGE ORIGINAL APPLICATION. AS CHARTER FLIGHT APPLICATIONS BEGAN TO PILE UP, WE FINALLY OBTAINED IRAN EMBASSY ADMISSION THAT ORIGINAL SOMEWHERE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND TEHRAN. TO PREVENT FURTHER DELAYS, A NEW ORIGINAL APPLICATION WAS PREPARED AND

ESCORTED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, BEING TRANSMITTED TO THE CAB ON MAY 22 (RPT MAY 22).

3. DEPARTMENT AND, SEPARATELY, IRAN AIR ATTORNEYS ARE ATTEMPTING WORK OUT WITH CAB SOME METHOD OF TAKING CARE OF IRAN AIR CHARTERS PENDING COMPLETION OF PROCESSING OF FOREIGN AIR CARRIER PERMIT APPLICATION (WHICH COULD WELL TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS). THIS IS TECHNICALLY DIFFICULT, SINCE EXISTENCE OF AN AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT OF ITSELF DOES NOT CONFER ON AN AIRLINE ANY RIGHTS IN THE ABSENCE OF AN IMPLEMENTING PERMIT. WE WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED. RUSH

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